



## **2003 Report of Accomplishments**

### **Palouse-Rock Lake Conservation District**

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#### **Natural Resource Improvements in 2003 (summary)**

- *Planted over 170,000 trees and shrubs on more than 340 acres of CRP and riparian areas. These projects will reduce erosion from entering streams and vastly improve the wildlife habitat of the area.*
- *Installed over 4 miles of fencing for pasture management. Reduces erosion, increased forage value for livestock and wildlife.*
- *Installed 2 miles of grassed waterways. Greatly reduces concentrated flow erosion keeping tons of soil from entering local streams.*
- *Implemented a cost-share program for chem.-fallow. This practice reduces the amount of summer-fallow in a watershed thereby reduces total sediment load reaching local streams.*

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#### **Mission of the Palouse-Rock Lake Conservation District**

- *To access federal, state, and local programs, resources, and educational opportunities to assist our land owners and operators to maximize sustainable productivity, conserve and enhance all natural resources for now and future generations.*

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#### **Water Quality Implementation**

- *Over 3 miles of riparian zone planted to trees and shrubs.*
- *Water quality monitoring on Rock Creek.*
- *2 miles of grassed waterway installed.*

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#### **Watershed Conservation/Habitat Restoration**

- *Planted 100,000 upland trees and shrubs for wildlife habitat.*
- *Working on completing the Palouse Sub-basin Wildlife Mitigation Plan for BPA.*
- *Assisting NRCS and Cooperators with the completion of 67 CRP plans.*

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#### **Information & Education**

- *Hosted local Envirothon contest, over 100 students attended.*
- *Hosted state Land Judging contest, 175 students attended.*
- *Completed the NW Alternative Cropping Project. This project compared different crops grown under a no-till regime.*
- *Held 3 tours, chem.-fallow tour, NW Alternative Crops Tour, and NACD tour.*

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#### **Technical Assistance/Equipment**

- *Maintained carry-all, pull grader and corn planter for rent.*
- *PRLCD is selling wildlife guzzlers, rain gauges and min-max thermometers.*
- *PRLCD has soil lab operational year around for nutrient testing in soils.*

#### **Washington Conservation Districts**

**Assisting land managers with their conservation choices**